

RESOLUTION NO. 10347

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE RATES PURSUANT TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 250, OF THE OFFICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF)

WHEREAS, Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 010(D) of the OCCGF allows for adequate 911 emergency ambulance services and to establish ambulance service rates for the City's contracted ambulance service as approved by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, since 2008 the City of Great Falls has contracted with Great Falls Emergency Services (GFES) to provide 911 EMS patient transport services within the City of Great Falls and Fire Districts served by Great Falls Fire Rescue; and

WHEREAS, § 8.5.250(A) of the OCCGF sets forth that the contracted ambulance service shall submit to the EMS Administrator a proposed ambulance fee schedule that will be approved by Commission resolution, if said fees are consistent with industry best practices, the market, and applicable federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager of GFES submitted a written request to the EMS System Administrator proposing a rate increase above the annual Western Index CPI increase stating the last GFES base rate increase above the annual CPI was in 2014, and that the annual CPI increase does not keep up with the rising costs of providing emergency healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Abaris Group provided its expert opinion in support of GFES' request for a rate increase to help defray the costs of providing ambulance services to the Great Falls area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that the Pre-Hospital Ambulance Rates for Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support are adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, superseding the rates set forth as Exhibit "D" to the agreement adopted by the Commission on May 20, 2014, titled "An Agreement with Great Falls Emergency Services and the City of Great Falls, Montana for Citywide 911 Emergency Ambulance Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that all other provisions of the May 20, 2014 agreement titled "An Agreement with Great Falls Emergency Services and the City of Great Falls, Montana for Citywide 911 Emergency Ambulance Services" remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 16th day of June, 2020.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney

Resolution 10347 - Exhibit "A"

Advanced Life Support	Cost
ALS Emergency	\$1540.29
ALS 2 Emergency	\$1540.58
Waiting Time	No Charge for 911 (typical \$10-\$25 every 15 min)
Night Charge	No Charge (typical \$100-\$300)
ALS Treatment w/o Transport	\$175
Oxygen	\$ 95.14
I.V. Supplies	\$ 78.34
ALS Routine Supplies	\$ 108.89
Intubations Supplies	\$ 112.86
Defibrillation Supplies	\$ 95.27
EKG Supplies	\$ 16.56
Mileage (per loaded mile)	\$ 25.80
Medications, in some cases, are in addition to ALS charges	
Basic Life Support	Cost
BLS Emergency	\$1314.63
Night Charge	No Charge (typical \$100-\$300)
BLS Treatment w/o Transport	\$100
Waiting Time	No Charge for 911 (typical \$10-\$25 every 15 min)
Oxygen	\$ 95.14
BLS Routine Supplies	\$ 81.46
EKG Supplies	\$ 16.56
Mileage (per loaded mile)	\$ 25.80
Standby (one hour minimum)	\$95.00 per hour, not to be duplicated with ALS or BLS charges.
Standby (each additional 15 minutes)	\$22.50